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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/532/Add.1)*]

59/301. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004 and 59/287 of 13 April 2005, its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within thirty days for traditional peacekeeping operations and ninety days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations;[1]

2. *Reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;

3. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;

[1] A/59/714 and Add.1 and A/59/730.

[2] A/59/736 and A/59/784.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/296 of 22 June 2005;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to rejustify the need for the P-5 post in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General at the sixtieth session;

7. *Decides* to maintain, for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B of 7 June 1996;

8. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions and the relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

9. *Decides* to provide general temporary assistance to implement and monitor the environmental protection programmes in the field, and requests the Secretary-General to rejustify this position by providing additional information on the necessity of the backstopping capacity at Headquarters and on the ongoing cooperative arrangements with the United Nations Environment Programme in the area of environmental protection;

10. *Approves* the establishment of the post of Police Generation Officer (P-4) in the Civilian Police Division;

11. *Decides* to provide general temporary assistance for the P-3 post for the secretariat of the Fifth Committee;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to conduct an audit of standard costs applied to headquarters overheads such as furniture and rental of premises, providing comparative costs on current market prices for these items, and to submit its findings to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixtieth session;

13. *Decides* that all future requests for additional headquarters capacity linked to new or expanded peacekeeping or peace support missions must be accompanied by an analysis of spare capacity created by any downsizing or liquidation of other missions;

14. *Also decides* that following the end of mandate of missions, mission-specific posts in the Office of Operations of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations should be disestablished or redeployed and reflected accordingly in the next support account proposal;

15. *Further decides* not to provide funds in the amount of 350,000 United States dollars for the independent review of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, as requested in paragraph 63 of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

16. *Decides* not to provide funds for Enterprise Content Management and Customer Relationship Management pilot projects, with the exception of the resources of

[3] A/59/784.
[4] A/59/730.

149,000 dollars sought for the Archives and Records Management Section in paragraph 366 of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

17. *Notes* that as a result of the expanded range of activities in the Situation Centre, there is a need for a broader and balanced range of skills and qualifications, including but not limited to knowledge of operational military and civilian police issues, among the Situation Centre officers, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the 11 Operations Officer (P-3) posts are available for incumbency to all qualified candidates, including officers seconded from Member States, keeping in mind the importance of representation of major troop-contributing countries;

18. *Decides* to approve the post of Chief of the Unit (P-5) to strengthen the Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Unit;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

19. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

20. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 146,935,200 dollars[6] for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, including 761 continuing and 70 new temporary posts and their related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the budget estimates

21. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 shall be financed as follows:

(*a*) The unencumbered balance of 874,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 and other income of 1,873,000 dollars related to the period ended 30 June 2004, to be applied to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;

(*b*) The amount of 13,790,000 dollars in excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the period ended 30 June 2004 to be applied to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;

(*c*) The balance of 130,397,400 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;

(*d*) The net estimated staff assessment income of 18,431,600 dollars, comprising the amount of 18,444,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, 26,400 dollars and 400,300 dollars for the requirements presented in the statements by the Secretary-General[6] and the decrease of 439,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (*c*) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

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[5] A/59/714 and Add.1.

[6] See A/C.5/59/28 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and A/C.5/59/32.